If time is money, following procedures to ensure correct surgery is a sound investment.



Step 1: Time needed to fill out the consent form: 5 minutes



Step 2: Time needed to mark the site: 1 minute



Step 3: Time needed to identify the correct patient: 1 minute





Step 4: Time needed for a presurgery "time out": 2 minutes



Step 5: Time needed to verify imaging data is correct: 3 minutes



Time you didn't spend telling a patient that you fixed something that wasn't broken: PRICELESS





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